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To whom it may concern,

Microsoft must be forced to INCLUDE competitors in it's operating system distribution whenever they put any application software preloaded/bundled/alongside/near the Operating system.

They must be forced to give up the browser market share they gained illegally. Put their Browser on the auction slab and prohibit them from creating any internet browsing software that in any way displays HTML or it's variants.

Flat pricing for it's OS for all PC manufacturers/customers. No restrictions on what the PC manufacturer/customer has to include or not include on their PC.

Any Microsoft application must be made available to third party developers to port to ANY operating system given that a share of the profits from such a port go back to Microsoft. This way, Microsoft operating systems will not have an application advantage over other OS entries or existing OS's. The third party must price the port within 20% (or within \$20) of the Microsoft offering. Microsoft Office for Linux, Office for Solaris are two such examples.

Any division of Microsoft that has more than 35% market share is to be spun off into it's own separate corporation. The software division that develops Office, namely. Any other division whether it is in existence today or not to be spun off if it retains >=35% market share for longer than 3 years. The OS monopoly is enough for one company to have that has proven they can't play fairly, no other monopoly or significant market share should be allowed to Microsoft.

They will support java (in a form acceptable to Sun Microsystems) in every Operating system release. They will also support NFS and any other widely used open protocol instead of creating their own closed protocol to be used exclusively.

Any possible application that promotes services, software or hardware in the Microsoft OS or Microsoft applications or a partner, a competitor will be included in the options in an equal position on the desktop or list of choices. For example Internet connection wizards including ALL ISP's.

Lastly, I believe Microsoft owes restitution to Netscape and also should

pay for the research and development of open standards for the benefit of all computer users.

Violations of the rules should also be enforced swiftly and completely and accompanied by a large fine and restitution for their actions.

Thank you for reading my suggestions, Shane Kuntz sk@fuse.net